

Hello again. I'm Pete Sokolosky, and welcome back to the second part of the course. Now that we've been introduced to tunnel sites, we'll discuss the matter of mill sites. Actually, you are more likely to encounter mill site locations on the National System of Public Lands than you are tunnel sites. Tunnel site locations number close to one hundred in the western U.S. versus there being about twelve thousand mill site locations. However, before we begin, let's take a look at our module objective. By the end of this module, each student should be able to, given a scenario involving validity determination for a mill site, identify the characteristics of the site, reference the applicable laws and regulations, determine what non-mineral and user occupancy for mining or milling purposes are present, and report the findings to management or member of the public, the validity requirements in accordance with the General Mining Law, case law, and 43 CFR Part 3000. Now that you know what the objective is, let's take a look at what we'll be covering in this module. In this module we will cover the law establishing mill sites, general mill site characteristics, non-mineral case law, leasable and mineral materials, use and occupancy, good faith with regards to use and occupancy, and some other considerations. Now that you know what we'll be covering, let's begin by taking a closer look at the law governing mill sites.